(*b*) whether the Government are aware that almost all these tube wells have been out of order for a long time and are incapable of being used;

(*c*) whether they have taken the trouble to have the water of these tube wells scientifically tested to ascertain whether it is fit for human consumption?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*:

(*a*) A Work Superintendent has already been appointed to look after the tube wells.

(*b*) The wells in Cranganur Taluk have already been repaired and are giving a good supply of pure water. The remaining wells in Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk are being repaired and will be completed soon. There was difficulty in getting materials and tools for the repair work.

(*c*) Yes. Water obtained from tube wells was sent to the Maharaja's College Laboratory and got examined and is found fit for human consumption.

TANK—SINKING OF—PATTANCHERI

293. Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what the report of the Director of Public Health and Panchayats was regarding the sinking of a tank in Pattancheri;

(*b*) how many times has he reported regarding the same;

(*c*) will they be pleased to place the reports on the table;

(*d*) what is the road for which the amount budgetted for the tank is to be utilised;

(*e*) what is the extent of the road;

(*f*) what is the traffic along the road;

(*g*) will this amount be sufficient for a pucca metalled road?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*:

(*a*) Proposing the sinking of a public tank.

(*b*) Three times.

(*c*) Copies of the reports are placed on the table.

(*d*) The Panchayat has proposed to utilise the amounts for improving communication facilities. The matter is engaging the attention of the Government.

(*e*), (*f*) and (*g*) Please see answer to (*d*).

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*: Was it not as a result of the enquiry made on the petitions and representations made to the Government that Government found the tank an urgent necessity?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: Yes.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*: Then why was it given up?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: The present Panchayat recommended the utilisation of that amount for communications.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*: The two former Panchayats said that the tank was very necessary and the present Panchayat says that it is not necessary. Is it because that the President is a Chittur man, two members belong to Meenakshipuram some 12 miles away and 2 others belong to places 6 miles away from Pattancheri proper?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: All these facts have been brought to the notice of the Government, and the matter is under the consideration of Government.

EXCESS PROFITS AND INCOME-TAX ACTS—AMOUNT OF TAX EXPECTED TO BE COLLECTED

294. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: Will Government be pleased to state the amount of tax that the Government expect to collect by the operation of the new Income-tax Act and the Excess Profits Tax Act?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: A collection of about Rs. 1,50,000 is expected under "Income-tax and Super Tax" over and above possible collection under the old Act. The expected collection of Excess Profits Tax is Rs. 3,50,000.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: May I know, Sir, the approximate number of persons from whom this excess profits tax will be collected?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: I want notice.

A.R.P. OFFICER TO TRICHUR—APPOINTMENT OF

295. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: Will Government be pleased to state whether an A.R.P. Officer has been appointed to Trichur or to the northern taluks of the State; what are the qualifications of such an officer?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: An A.R.P. Officer has been appointed for Trichur. He was the Chief Warden, A.R.P. Service at Ernakulam, and was also in charge of the duties of the A.R.P. Officer, Ernakulam, while the latter went to Calcutta to take

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